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County pivots on EMS plans

PROPERTY: Supervisors could buy property to build on, rather than buy facility

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY - County officials have changed direction a bit on where to house Keokuk EMS staff and equipment.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Lee County Supervisors, discussion and possible action could be taken on acquiring property at two locations in the city.

Previously the county had almost settled on property on Main Street just south of the Honda Motor Sports outlet. That property would have cost the county about

\$200,000 plus an additional \$150,000 in renovations and construction costs for a new ambulance garage.

Last week, officials changed direction after supervisors toured the facility and county maintenance crews inspected the building.

Now officials are looking at property at 1514 Blondeau Street and/or a parcel at 25 N. 16th Street near the current ambulance bay. Plans could include tearing the current garage down with new construction to house the additional staff and equipment.

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Residents should brace for tax bump

Lee Rood is an investigative reporter for the Des Moines Register and did a piece this week on expected increases in property assessments coming next year.

The piece indicated that Polk County could see record increases in assessments - and record highs. Now that's Polk County and neighboring Dallas County will probably see something similar.

As a matter of simple math, Lee County will probably see increases as well, if the rest of the state does. There is a state-equalization process that kind of handcuffs county assessors where the state can step in if they feel assessments are too low.

The idea of increased property taxes isn't something that anyone welcomes. And here comes the 'but'...

I've been covering local government budget processes for more than six years now. Most of you don't read it. Admit it, you don't, but that's important news.

But rarely do you see these elected officials go willy-nilly with increases. That's bad business, and bad at the ballot box.

There are many serious things to consider, such as seniors on fixed incomes, low income families, and there are things on the books to allow some relief there, but an increase is an increase.

The local entities who get shares of the property tax pie, which is about 40% to public schools, 30% to cities, and 20% to counties on average, can do everything they can to keep their mil levies in check, but at the end of the day if your evaluation go up, your bill's going to go up even when they say they didn't increase their levy.

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Face painting was part of the day's agenda Saturday morning at Ivanhoe Park. Fort Madison Kiwanis members put on a hot dog picnic at the park and introduced about 60 people to the new 9-hole disc golf course at the park.

CARBON PIPELINES

IUB agrees to hearing on Summit CO2 pipeline

DES MOINES - The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) Friday issued an order scheduling a December 13, 2022, oral argument proceeding in connection with the proposed carbon capture pipeline by Summit Carbon Solutions (Summit Carbon) in Docket No. HLP-

2021-0001.

The proceeding will be held to allow interested parties to provide input on the relationship between the findings the IUB must make in that docket in regard to the location of the proposed pipeline (project siting), local land use,

and injury to property as compared to safety issues subject to federal jurisdiction. The oral argument will begin 15 minutes following the monthly public Board meeting in the IUB Hearing

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Obituaries/ For the Record

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report

10/06/22 - 11:05 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1500 block of Avenue E.

10/06/22 - 4:40 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Andrew Edward Flowers, 26, of Panorama City, Calif., in the 1400 block of Avenue H, on a charge of public intoxication. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

10/06/22 - 4:15 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Nicholas Lee Mehaffy, 31, of Danville, in the 700 block of Avenue F, on warrant for possession of a controlled substance. He was taken to Lee County Jail.

10/06/22 - 5:41 p.m. - Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Kristen Lee Lynn Grell, 26, of Fort Madison at the sheriff's office on a charge of disorderly conduct. She was taken to Lee County Jail.

Hancock County

Sheriff's Report

09/30/22 - Hancock County Sheriff's deputies cited Julie A. Thomas, 60 of St. Peters, Mo., on a charge of speeding.

09/30/22 - Hancock County Sheriff's deputies cited Anthony Pennington, 20, of Fort Madison on a charge of driving while license revoked.

10/02/22 - Hancock County Sheriff's deputies arrested Desiree F. Acker, 23, of Warsaw on a Hancock County warrant.

10/02/22 - Hancock County Sheriff's deputies cited Shellie Lorenzen, 56, of Colchester, on a charge of speeding.

10/03/22 - Hancock County Sheriff's deputies arrested James L. Guthrie, 52 of Tioga, on a charge of theft of utility services.

10/03/22 - Hancock County Sheriff's deputies cited Eddie D. Hollis, 27, of Niota, on charges of driving while license revoked, operating an uninsured vehicle and no valid registration.

Those listed above are only charged with a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

OBITUARIES

PAUL E. GROSSMAN

Paul E. Grossman, 97, of Farmington, Iowa, passed away at 4:20 p.m. Saturday, October 8, 2022, at the Van Buren County Hospital in Keosauqua.



GROSSMAN

Born December 22, 1924, in Farmington, Iowa, the son of Charles E. and Ethel (Goody) Grossman. On December 2, 1945, he married Jeane Rohdy at the Sharon Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife: Jeane; three children: Dennis (Diane) Grossman of Farmington, LeAnn (Jeff) Jones of Donnellson, and Charles (Cheryl) Grossman of Colleyville, Texas; seven grandchildren: Denise (Jason) Evans, Dawn (Eric) Conklin, Dana (Justin) Huling, Steve (Billi) Jones, Leslie (Ryan) Benner, Jennifer Grossman, and Jake (Ellen) Grossman; also surviving are nine great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Dean, Joe, and Forrest; one sister Erma Folker.

Paul graduated from Farmington High School. He was a member and served as Elder and Trustee

of the Sharon Presbyterian Church. He served as president of the Harmony School Board. He was a Bonaparte Township Trustee and served on the Board of Farmers Co-op. Paul was an honorary member of the Harmony Future Farmers of America. He enjoyed farming, especially harvest and walking in the timber. When he was younger he enjoyed hunting squirrels, quail, and deer.

Visitation will be from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at Schmitz Funeral Home in Farmington. There will be no family visitation.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at the Sharon Presbyterian Church, near Farmington with John Robertson and Pastor Katrina Bergman officiating.

Burial will be in the Sharon Church Cemetery. A memorial has been established in his memory for Sharon Presbyterian Church, Farmington EMT's or Bonaparte First Responders.

Schmitz Funeral Home of Farmington is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneral-homes.com.

County to consider EMT training costs

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The county has taken over emergency services transporting in the community since Sept. 30 after Blessing Keokuk Hospital was closed by Blessing Health Care. Patients are being taken to area hospitals, predominantly Fort Madison's Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center campus.

The county received about 30 days notice of the closure and had to scramble to set up additional EMS staff and equipment to handle the calls that would have typically resulted in an ER visit.

In a related issue, the county will also consider a resolution that could reimburse potential EMT candidates up to \$2,100 for training to become a certified Step One EMT by the county.

The candidate would have to commit to work for Lee County EMS for at least one year, and would have to pass certification exams within 45 days of completion of training which would take place at Southeastern Community College.

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Health News/From the Front

Be aware of coming assessments

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Many property owners may contest their 2023 assessed values that will be paid in 2024 and 2025 and there is a path to do that, but an independent review will ultimately have the final say. Most people will just get angry, but pay the bill.

But it may be time for that correction. Just in simple economic terms, costs for everything are on the rise. And that means costs of providing government services are also on the rise.

And now Keokuk has no local hospital or emergency room. And the county has had to pick up the costs, which are expected to now be more than \$1 million before July 1.

The county is scrambling to find that money, but supervisors are committed to making sure Keokuk residents have the most efficient emergency transport service possible.

But that will come with a cost. They can put a measure on a ballot in the spring to create an essential services levy, but there are questions still about how that funding can be allocated with a maximum levy of 75 cents/\$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Officials don't think that will cover the increased costs and where the money can be used is still being investigated.

Costs of building roads and repairing streets is on the rise. Payroll for public employees is increasing and revenues need to keep pace with costs.

The point is that these governmental agencies may not be able to reduce their mil levies to keep property tax bills stable and people should expect increases in their bills and prepare for them.

Lee County Supervisor Chairman Matt Pflug was



very vocal about the condition of the county's finances and that was before Blessing announced the closure of the Keokuk

hospital and ER.

The county will likely have to increase its levy ask to account for some of the added, and unanticipated, costs of providing medical services, payroll, and IT upgrades. There's no guarantees the rates will go up or down and the end result is yet to be known.

But if Polk, and Dallas, and other urban counties in the state are anticipating record assessment increases, Lee County residents should be prepared for the same.

Rood's report focuses on how voters in those areas approved the 1-cent local sales tax option because half of the money was supposed to go to property tax relief, and they aren't seeing it.

That's the direct impact of the rising assessed valuations. This may be a storm brewing for rural Iowa as well and residents need to be paying attention.

They may show that anger in the elections that follow - But that's Beside the Point.

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LCHD sets kids' vaccine clinic

KEOKUK - Lee County Health Department will be holding a Children's Immunization Clinic Thursday, October 13th at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2330 Plank Road in Keokuk from 1:00 pm until 4:30pm. Please park on the south side of the building (the large parking lot) and enter in the door that states HANDICAPPED.

The clinic is open to children who have no insurance, are insured by Iowa Medicaid (MCO) or those who have private health insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccines. Written parental consent is required for minors to receive vaccinations when in the care of another adult. (Please visit our website for a consent form.)

Free lead testing is available for all children ages 6 months to 6 years who reside in Iowa.

Please call 1-319-372-5225 with questions or visit our website at www.leecountyhd.org.

IUB wants more information on Summit project safety

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Room, 1375 E. Court Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

On September 2, 2022, the IUB issued an order stating more information was needed regarding federal preemption on safety issues.

Today's order also requires anyone who wishes to participate in the oral argument to file briefs by November 10, 2022. Representatives of both Navigator Heartland Greenway, LLC, and Wolf Carbon Solutions US, LLC, which also have projects for proposed carbon capture pipelines, may also file briefs and participate in the oral argument without filing for intervention.

Lee County Health Department 2022 Flu Shot Clinics

These clinics are open to the public

Thursday, October 6
Newberry Center
10:30am-12:00pm

Tuesday, October 11
Montrose Public Library
9:00am-11:00am

Tuesday, October 11
West Point Public Library
1:00pm-2:30pm

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Friday, October 14

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Sports

Central Lee locks up 2A playoff spot with win over EBF

Central Lee High School's Hunter Gregory (44) strips the ball from Russell McCrea (5) during their game against E-D-F Friday, October 7, 2022 at Central Lee High School. Central Lee won 17-7.



Photo by John Lovretta/Special to PCC

BY JOHN
BOHNENKAMP
PCC EDITOR

DONNELSON — The clock on Central Lee's scoreboard had not reached all zeros, but Chuck Banks couldn't resist an early celebration.

"Playoffs!" the Hawks' coach yelled, and soon his players echoed him.

Central Lee's 17-7 win over Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont on Friday night clinched a spot in the

Class 2A playoffs for the Hawks (3-4 overall, 2-2 2A District 6).

A program that didn't win a game in 2020 and 2021 will have at least one post-season game ahead.

"Oh, it means a lot," junior Landon Lowenberg said. "We're the third team in Central history to make the playoffs. We've won three games after not winning any the last couple of years. This is great."

It was only a couple of weeks ago when the Hawks suffered a 51-0 loss at Mid-Prairie. But with last week's 33-12 win at Davis County, and with this win, Central Lee secured at least fourth place in the district, which means a playoff spot regardless of what happens in next week's regular-season finale at Centerville.

"We're a much different squad than what played that Mid-Prairie game," Banks said. "We had some guys hurt that night, and we got them back. And we never gave up."

"We have a lot of heart," junior Cory Jones said. "We don't give up. We have a lot of confidence in each other."

But this wasn't an easy game, and the problems for the Hawks started early in the game.

Senior Corbin Pohren, one of the Hawks' best players on both sides of the ball, was called for targeting on E-B-F's first offensive play and was ejected.

But Banks wasn't about to let his team give up after that.

"Every card was stacked against us during the game," Banks said. "We were

able to rise up. And I was screaming that at them the whole game. I kept telling them to 'Rise up,' and they did. You could probably hear me on the sideline yelling that."

"We've got a lot of heart," Lowenberg said. "We lost our main man, Corbin, and we had to overcome that. We rose to the occasion."

Central Lee's first points of the game came right before halftime as Ayden Krehbiel knocked in a 31-yard field goal that just made it inside the left upright for a 3-0 lead.

The Hawks sprinted off the field with confidence after that kick, and kept that momentum going into the second half.

Central Lee scored on the opening possession of the half. Grant Myhre's 31-yard run set up Chase Johnson's 13-yard touchdown run two plays later, and the Hawks led 10-0.

The Hawks' final points came on a 40-yard touchdown pass from Kayden Calfee to Blake Bergman.

Banks was hoping for the shutout, but the Rockets got a touchdown on Russell McCrea's 28-yard pass to Kyle Davis with a little over a minute to play.

When the game was over, the Central Lee players began waving over their fellow students for a mass ringing of the victory bell behind the north end zone.

"That was great," Jones said.

"This means everything," Banks said. "Not just personally, but for these boys. This is huge."

"And I love these guys."

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EMT Trainee Qualifications:
 • High School Diploma (GED or High School Equivalence Certificate)
 • Valid Driver's License/insurable

Applicants must be eligible to work in the U.S. Veterans will be given preference but all candidates will be considered. Applications and job descriptions may be found online at www.leecounty.org and may be also obtained at the Lee County Auditor's Office, 933 Avenue H, Fort Madison Iowa. You may also email jasondinwiddie@leecounty.org for an application or more information. Applications accepted through October 10, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Complete background check, drug screening and post-offer physical required. Lee County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Please email completed applications to:
 Dennis Cosby, EMS Director dcosby@leecounty.org
 Jason Dinwiddie, Director of Operations jasondinwiddie@leecounty.org



PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Lee County, Iowa Board of Supervisors Agenda
DATE: Monday, October 12, 2022 MEETING
CONVENING TIME: 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. (CDT)
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Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve Agenda
 Public Input
 Consider Approval of Resolution Setting Public Hearing for Community Block Grant Discussion and Possible Action on Purchasing Property Located at 1514 Blondeau Street And/Or 25 North 16th Street in Keokuk for Ambulance Base

Discussion and Possible Action to Hire Engineer for New Ambulance Base in Keokuk

Consider Approval of Training Reimbursement Agreement with EMT Candidates

Consider Approval of Agreement for Collection Services for Delinquent Accounts at Jail

Consider Approval of Homestead, Military and Disabled Vet Tax Credit Applications for Assessment Year 2022

Consider Approval of Class C Liquor License for Green Frog Distillery, Keokuk

Consider Approval of Monday, October 3 and Wednesday, October 5, 2022 Board Minutes

Consider Approval of Claims for Payment Personnel Actions:

A. New Hire-Temporary Election Clerk-Auditor's Office

B. New Hire (Replacement)-Correctional Officer
 C. New Hire (Replacement)-Paramedic
 Commission or Committee Reports
 Adjourn

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PUBLIC NOTICE AGENDA FORT MADISON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Date: MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022
Time: 5:30 P.M.
Location: Council Chambers, City Hall, 811 Avenue E

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL
 VISITORS COMMENTS

APPROVE AGENDA
 APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

CORRESPONDENCE: State of Iowa and/or other City Commission

1. Gift Fund Report
2. City Cemetery Report
3. Engine #2913 Report and Update

MOTION TO ADJOURN
 NEXT MEETING – November 14, 2022 at 5:30 P.M.

PUBLIC NOTICE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 6, 2022

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met at the Lee County Administration Building in Fort Madison on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Matt Pflug, Garry Seyb, Ron Fedler, Rick Larkin, Charles Holmes.

All votes are unanimous unless indicated otherwise.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve the agenda. Motion

carried.

There was no Public Input.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve an Administrative Policy for incentive payments for Lee County EMS employees. Motion carried. Newly hired Paramedics will receive \$1,500 within thirty days of hiring. On their one-year anniversary, if the employee is in good standing, they will receive an additional \$3,500.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve an amended Paramedic Employment Payment Agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Seyb, to award the bid for metal culverts to Contech Engineered Solutions, Ankeny, in the amount of \$55,742.40 and to allow the County Engineer to execute the contract. Motion carried. Other bids were received from Illowa Culvert & Supply, Low Moor, in the amount of \$62,816.00; Metal Culverts, Monmouth, Illinois, in the amount of \$57,244.90 and Northern Iowa Construction Products, Low Moor, in the amount of \$62,816.00.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve a Haul Road Agreement with Ames Construction, to haul an estimated 300,000 cubic yards of overburden from Beach & Enke Quarry to an industrial project in southern Des Moines County, contingent on Ames Construction approving the agreement. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Holmes-aye, Seyb-abstain, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Fedler, to approve a 28E Agreement with the City of Fort Madison for Sewer Pretreatment Compliance Services at the Jail. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Fedler, to approve Resolution #2022-86. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Fedler-aye, Holmes-aye, Larkin-aye and Pflug-aye.

Resolution #2022 - 86

WHEREAS, the Lee County Treasurer currently distributes interest into the General Fund, Jail Bond Fund, Debt Services Fund, County Conservation Land Acquisition Fund, E-911 Surcharge

Fund, E-911 Contribution Fund, Cash Bond Fund, Board of Health Memorial Fund, Records Management Fund, Emergency Management Fund, Neff Memorial Trust Fund, REAP Fund, Electronic Transaction Recorders Fund, Self-Insured Fund, Early Childhood Program Fund, School Ready Children Services Fund, and the Drug Task Force Forfeiture Fund, Capital Project - Jail Remodel 2013, Capital Project – Conservation Building Fund monthly, Capital Project – Countywide Communication Project Fund, American Rescue Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors will now include the Local Government Opioid Abatement Fund into an interest bearing account monthly, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lee County Board of Supervisors direct the Lee County Treasurer to distribute interest into the Local Government Opioid Abatement Fund monthly, beginning September 6, 2022.

Dated this 6th day of September 2022.

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb, Vice-Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; and /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2022-87. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Holmes-aye, Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION # 2022 - 87

INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL PROJECTS – MAINTENANCE FUND TO DEBT

SERVICE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Whereas, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to transfer sums from the Capital Projects – Maintenance Fund to the Debt Service Fund during the 2022-2023 budget year, and

Whereas, said transfers must be in accordance with Chapter 331.432 of the Code of Iowa.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Lee County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The total amount to be transferred for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 is \$10,113.37.

Section 2. Within seven working days of being notified of the current amount in said Fund, the County Auditor shall order a transfer from said funds.

Section 3. Notwithstanding the provision of Section 2, of this Resolution, total transfers shall not exceed the amount in Section 1.

Section 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2, the amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balances in the transferring of funds.

Section 5. At the discretion of the County Auditor, fund transfers can be allocated periodically during the fiscal year depending on fund balances.

The County Auditor has determined the amount to transfer on September 6, 2022 is as follows:

Capital Projects – Maintenance Fund to Debt Service Fund \$10,113.37.

Section 6. The County Auditor is directed to correct her books when said operating transfers are made and to notify the Treasurer of the amounts transferred.

Dated at Fort Madison, Iowa on the 6th day of September 2022.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb, Vice-Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; and /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Holmes, to approve Resolution #2022-84. Roll call: Seyb-aye, Holmes-aye, Larkin-aye, Fedler-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION #2022-84

LEE COUNTY BOARD

Parcel	Site Address	Amount
044521254310250	501 Main St.	\$32,142.00
044521362070050	516 S. 2nd St.	\$ 94.00
044521222000310	365 Carbide Lane	\$17,114.00

Section 3. The County Treasurer is hereby directed to strike the amount of property taxes due on these City of Keokuk parcels in accordance with Iowa Code Section 445.63.

Section 4. The County Treasurer is hereby directed to forgive the amount of property taxes due on these City of Keokuk parcels in accordance with Iowa Code Section 445.63.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2022

Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb, Vice-Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; and /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Seyb, to approve Resolution #2022-85. Roll call: Fedler-aye, Seyb-aye, Larkin-aye, Holmes-aye and Pflug-aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-85

WHEREAS, the Board

OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL OF THE ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEE COUNTY TREASURER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH IOWA CODE CHAPTER 445.63 BE IT RESOLVED by the Lee County Board of Supervisors as follows:
Section 1. Iowa Code Section 445.63 states that when taxes are owing against a parcel owned or claimed by the state or a political subdivision of this state and the taxes are owing before the parcel

of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and, WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: Robert and Teresa Conlee 2783 Hwy 27 Argyle IA 52619

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of September, 2022. Lee County Board of Supervisors /s/ Matt Pflug, Chairman; /s/ Garry Seyb, Vice-Chairman; /s/ Ron Fedler, Member; /s/ Rick Larkin, Member; and /s/ Chuck Holmes, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise

Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve the Second Reading of the Amended Election Ordinance. Motion carried.

was acquired by the state or a political subdivision of this state, the County Treasurer shall give notice to the appropriate governing body which shall pay the amount of taxes due. If the governing body fails to immediately pay the taxes due, the Board of Supervisors shall abate all of the taxes.

Section 2. The City of Keokuk has requested abatement and forgiveness for the following parcels:

Fraise, Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Seyb, seconded by Larkin, to approve the Second Reading of the Amended Election Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Holmes, seconded by Seyb, to approve a Letter of Support for a Hometown Grant Application for the Fort Madison Marina. Motion carried.

Moved by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to approve the Monday, August 22, 2022 Board Minutes. Motion carried. Seyb abstained.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Fedler, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Seyb, to approve a new hire for the Treasurer's Office, Sherri Yasenchok, Tax Department/Accounting Supervisor, \$53,000/year, effective 9/7/22. Motion carried.

Received and filed a Manure Management Annual Update for Burr Oak Swine in Des Moines Township; the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of July 2022 and the Auditor's Report of Fees Collected for the

month of August 2022.

Committee Reports: Holmes reported on a Children First Board meeting. He also reported on the Iowa State Association of Counties' Annual Conference, where Seyb received recognition for completing the Certified County Supervisor courses. Seyb reported on a Tourism Committee meeting and a meeting with the Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services Director on possibly using some of the opioid settlement money the County received.

At 11:05 a.m. a motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Holmes, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Fort Madison.

Matt Pflug, Chairman
Attest: Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor

Claims paid September 6, 2022

Aetna, rfnd	382.88
Agrineed, splys	1492.00
Alliant Enrgy, sv	5725.30
Am Trust Rtrmt, fees	961.50
W Anderson, exps	277.12
Ascensus, sv	2400.00
Augustine Cnstrt, sv	2899.25
B&B Propane, fuel	52.77
Baldwin Cooke, splys	422.92
Benco Dental, sv	777.22
J Boeding, sv	234.00
B Bonar, exps	200.00
N Booten, exps	206.50
Bound Tree Med, splys	640.15
R Bradley, sv	130.00
Brookes Publ, mtrl	7376.64
CenturyLink, sv	101.40
City/Donnellson, sv	110.99
Comm Action, sv	1722.00
Crescent Elect, splys	58.99
H Curtis, sv	212.50
Democrat Co, publ	30.31
Diamond Drugs, sv	75.70

Dodd Prtg/Stat, splys	154.50
Donnellson Tire, sv	981.00
R Dunbar, exps	109.11
Eastern IA Tire, tires	774.00
Farm/Home, splys	122.68
Fastenal Co, equp	155.88
Federal Enginrg, sv	8535.00
Fehseke/Gray, sv	262.50
Floyds EZ Way, sv	75.00
FM Water, sv	57.83
F Dunn, sv	899.00
J Frueh, exps	149.80
Govt Forms, splys	2071.05
N Granaman, sv	1399.51
Gray Quarries, splys	7450.34
S Gray Rpr, sv	132.00
Grt Prairie, sv	346.70
Hartricks Lmbr, parts	4.68
Huffman Wldng, equp	429.95
Humana Claims, sv	83.16
HyVee, splys	2392.12
IACCVSO, dues	360.00
Ilmberger Entrp, rent	300.00
IMWCA, ins	30377.00
Intab LLC, equp	379.92
T Jacobsmeier, sv	200.00
Jays Auto, sv	290.32
Jet Gas, fuel	3537.82
Jireh Inc, fuel	6426.20
J Deere Fncl, equp	1185.91
C Johnson, exps	282.00
PKaltefleiter, exps	68.00
Kempkers, equp	145.14
Keo Hsing Auth, sv	5042.62
Keo Water, sv	47.65
King-Lynk Fnrl, sv	1200.00
Klingner Assoc, sv	10493.00
G Knisley, exps	362.54
R Kuntz, sv	200.00
Learning Tree, exps	3203.15
LeeCo Auditor, Ctrl Pur	389.01
LeeCo Fair, ctrb	10000.00
LeeCo Hlth, sv	9935.32
LeeCo Treas, fees	8236.63
LeeCo Treas, costs	8343.57

Liberty Mtl Ins, ins	686.00
C Liles, sv	304.00
LJ Insurance, ins	91755.00
A Lucas, sv	72.00
Madison Apts, rent	300.00
Mail Svcs, sv	1193.16
Martin Equip, equp	4237.72
Masters Touch, sv	76.41
Mediacom, sv	224.92
MidAmer Enrgy, gas	368.94
MW Grp Bnfts, sv	1795.04
Mohrfeld Elect, splys	509.53
Municipal One, sv	350.00
OMG Midwest, sv	13498.36
Optum Rx, splys	1059.57
M Park, exps	27.86
Patterson Dntl, splys	753.71
Pen City Current, publ	60.98
Penn City Assc, dues	300.00
Powerphone, edu	729.00
Prairie Farms, splys	243.20
Qlty Plus Feeds, mtrl	70.92
Qwest Corp, stlmt	115000.00
J Raj, sv	150.00
Rathbun Water, sv	155.40
L Roxberg, rent	300.00
RSM US LLP, sv	33.00
D Schleisman, rfnd	91.29
S Schmitt, rfnd	218.48
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C Spann, exps	201.00
K Spear, exps	16.50
Stericycle, sv	579.67
P Tripp, exps	375.00
Turbo Wash, sv	125.00
US Cell, sv	1091.74
VB Co Hosp, sv	10243.65
Verizon, sv	864.95
VGM Group, edu	936.00
M Walker, sv	200.00
Wshbrn Mchnry, sv	47.50
D Weisinger, rent	300.00
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Sports

Bloodhounds outmanned at No. 4 Iowa City Liberty

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

NORTH LIBERTY - The expression on Head Coach Derek Doherty's face after Fort Madison was dropped 49-0 by No. 4 Iowa City Liberty said it all.

"Whoa. Whoa," Doherty said. "That's a really good football team."

Iowa City's Graham Beckman threw for four touchdowns in the first half alone to set an early tone that this wasn't a team the Bloodhounds were used to playing.

It's the second straight year the Lightning have stopped a Bloodhound six win streak, but this Lightning squad, under former Washington Head Coach James Harris, is a different team than 2021.

This team held Fort Madison to just 71 yards of offense and let the Hounds into the redzone just one time.

That happened with 6:08 left in the second quarter when Fort Madison got to the eight highlighted by a Nathaniel Swigart 12-yard catch and run to the 11.

Teague Smith got three on the next carry to make it 2nd and 7 at the eight but an incomplete pass from Aidan Boyer and then a screen to Henry Wiseman lost four to make it 4th and 11.

A 31-yard field goal attempt from Leif Boeding went just left of the upright for the Hounds' only real shot at any points.

Smith would end up with just 26 yards on 18 carries with Lightning defenders usually around his legs or waist before he

got back to the line of scrimmage.

Boyer threw for just 57 yards on 11 completions with one interception that was returned by senior Christian Barney 19 yards for a score in the third quarter for a 42-0 lead and a running clock against the Hounds.

The Lightning would get their final score on an 8-yard run by Trey Gregoire and the Hounds would get one possession in the fourth quarter with the running clock.

Doherty told the Hounds after the loss that they still were in control of their own destiny and would have to come back Monday with the right mindset if they don't want 2022 to finish like 2021 with three straight losses.

"History is bound to repeat itself if you don't change something," Doherty said.

"We have to come back to work Monday and put this one away. You know North Scott, and Burlington, as well, are out there looking at this score and wanting to come into Fort Madison over the next two weeks and do the same thing."

Fort Madison will need to win one of the final two games if they want to have any chance of making the post season.

Tanner Settles had 5.5 tackles on the night to lead Fort Madison on defense. Hayden Segoviano had five tackles and Ike Thacher had 4.5 with a sack of Beckman in the second quarter for a 7-yard loss.

Wiseman led the Bloodhounds with four catches and 28 yards.



Above, Mateo Lozano (77) and Tanner Settles (55) give some pass protection in the first half. At left, Fort Madison junior Hayden Segoviano bears down on Lightning quarterback Graham Beckman in the first quarter of the Bloodhounds' 49-0 loss to Iowa City Liberty Friday night.

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